original works, original irrigation works and maintenance of Irrigation works ;

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : A *statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

The Kodayar Reservoir.

126. ***Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the exact total acreage of paddy lands within the Kodayar Project area ;

(*b*) the extent of land converted since the construction of the Kodayar reservoir ;

(*c*) the maximum quantity of water which the Kodayar reservoir can now hold ;

(*d*) whether there has been any diminution in the quantity of water from the days of its construction ; and

(*e*) whether the Kodayar reservoir is in a position to supply water for all the lands lying within its area even if the seasons are quite normal ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : (*a*) 54,268 acres.

(*b*) 18,359 acres up to the end of 1109 M. E.

(*c*) 4276·31 Million C. ft. of water.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The Kodayar Reservoir supplemented by the Paraliyar and Pazhayar can irrigate the acreage of 54,268 acres if not more during normal seasons.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai ; May I know from the member whether there has been scarcity in the tail end lands even when there is sufficient supply of water in the reservoir ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : I believe there is.

Mr V. S. Arumukham Pillai : May I know whether the Chief Engineer thinks that a supplemental scheme is necessary so as to increase the supply of water in the reservoir ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : I do not think the member should ask what the Chief Engineer *thinks*.

Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman (Nominated) : Then entered the Council Hall and took his seat.

President : I was myself searching for the member to allow him to ask his questions. You can now put your questions, Mr. Kunjitomman.

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